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Honorable Colleen McMahon
Unites States District Judge
United States Courthouse
500 Pearl Street, Room 1350
New York, New York 10007

> Re: United States of America, ex rel., et al v. Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation
> Case No. 1:11-cv-08196-CM (S.D.N.Y)

Dear Judge McMahon:

This Office represents the State of Wisconsin in the above-referenced action, which was initially filed by the Relator pursuant to the provisions of the federal False Claims Act, as amended, 31 U.S.C §§ 3729 *et seq.*, and similar state statues such as the Wisconsin False Claims For Medical Assistance Law, § 20.931. I have been authorized to write on behalf of the plaintiff states of Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Maryland, Michigan, New Jersey, Oklahoma, Washington, and Wisconsin in regard to their attendance at the upcoming Rule 16 conference in this case.

I write the court requesting the allowance of an appearance by teleconference for the Rule 16 conference scheduled on March 14, 2014 at 9:30 a.m. for those states unable to attend in person. Those state representatives that wish to appear by teleconference are as follows:

> Deborah Harper, AAG – Michigan
> Elizabeth White, AAG – Georgia
> Lawrence J. Carcare II, DAG – Indiana
> Michelle Teed, AAG - Washington
> Carrie L. Bashaw, Senior Counsel – Washington
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The parties appreciate the Court's consideration of this request and await your response.

Sincerely,

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cc: all parties via ECF